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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH:

Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT:

May
Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- June 1986

I. GENERAL

The embassy regional security officer has advised that the restrictions on travel to the West Bank and Gaza have been lifted.

Israel changed over to daylight savings time on 18 May. With the changeover, local time is GMT plus 3 hours.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

The 24-27 May visit to Israel by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher generated a large volume of high-precedence traffic. The visit, the first ever by a British prime minister, was covered extensively by the Israeli media, and the bureau filed liberally in response to a request from the BBC for immediate-precedence filing of reportage and commentary on the visit. Following the visit, the BBC News and Publications section expressed thanks to the Mideast bureaus, "Tel Aviv, in particular," for their "sterling assistance" in covering the visit. The message of thanks noted that the material was "much appreciated by the BBC and its consumers."

B. <u>Lateral Services</u>

At the request of MOD, the bureau began recording and summarizing Cairo TV's 1600 GMT newscast. The project involves pouching videotapes and summaries of the newscasts to MOD. which will assess the value of placing Cairo TV on permanent coverage. The project began on 7 May and will run for 1 month.

Bureau Cruising Monitor has begun recording selected Cairo TV programs listed by AG as being of interest. The program tapes will be pouched to AG for evaluation.

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C. <u>Technical</u>

Bureau engineer and technicians installed a new active vertical whip antenna on the building roof.

C. Technical (Cont'd)

Bureau engineer and technicians changed the bureau ponyline to the embassy Political Section from a high-level to a low-level circuit and rerouted it through the bureau's microwave link to the embassy. This will allow the bureau to dispense with the landline leased from the PTT if it is determined that the savings are substantial enough to justify this. The landline will be kept as a backup while this matter is researched.

At the request of FBIS Logistics, the bureau shipped two surplus microwave antennas to Nicosia Bureau by commercial sea freight on 25 May.

III. ADMINISTRATION

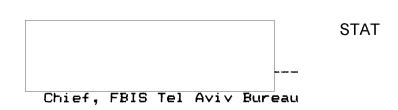
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A. Personnel

Embassy Personnel Officer Robert Denny met with embassy and bureau foreign national employees on 19 May to discuss pension plan options.

B. Building and Grounds

Contractors on 25 May constructed a wall in the Hebrew section, creating a press section separate from the radio and TV monitoring section.



Attachments:

- a. Production Report
- b. Communications Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for MAY 1986

I.	TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:				
TOTAL	PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:				
		BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS	
II.	INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	6113.00 min.	840.00 min.	58.00 issues	
111.	OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)				
Clandestine Bayrak Radio in Turkish 5550					
Clande	estine Bayrak Radio in English	1590			
Clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish		0			
		1600			
party					
*	Turkish	14840			
	3 ia ANATOLIA in Turkish		0		
GREECE					
	English to South Africa	o			
Athens	s in English to Australia	0			
ISRAEL					
	alem Domestic Service in Hebrew	58180			
	alem Domestic Service in English	13520			
Jerusa	alem Television Service in Hebrew	7800			

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Jerusalem Television Service in

Arabic

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in	18030		
Hebrew Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic	18030		3870
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English			2070
Jerusalem AL-MITHAQ in Arabic			290
Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in			
Arabic Jerusalem AL-QUDS in			610
Arabic			4570
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			2070
Jerusalem AL-TALI`AH Arabic			0
Jerusalem Al-NAHAR in			
Arabic Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in			0
English			1590
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			17600
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			530
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in			
Hebrew Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in			4980
Hebrew			1650
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			4900
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			12160
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in			
Hebrew Tel Aviv HADASHOT in			0
Hebrew			4670
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			1590
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in			7250
Hebrew Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in			7230
Hebrew			3170
SOVIET UNION Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in			
Hebrew	0		
Moscow in Turkish	o		
Moscow in	_		
Dari	560		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
TURKEY Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish Ankara ANATOLIA in	26390		
Turkish Ankara ANATOLIA in		550	
English Ankara ANATOLIA in French		3790 200	
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish		200	0
UNITED KINGDOM London BBC World Service in English	0		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR MAY. 1986 ATTACHMENT B

- 1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 226,570 (209,960)

 TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 62,160 (62,660)

 DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 9,314 (9,087)

 HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 15,670 on 25 May 1986

 LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 1,900 on 3 May 1986
- 2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 3.5 HOURS, 0.7 PERCENT.
 OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 3.5 HOURS, 0.7 PERCENT.

OUTAGES: 7 May 1986 - Sattellite at down 10 May 1986 - Local power failure

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- 3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: $_{140}$
- NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.